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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application Of:

VOGELSTEIN *et al.*

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For: SECURIN IS REQUIRED FOR CHROMOSOMAL STABILITY IN HUMAN CELLS

AMENDMENT

Assistant Director of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed February 13, 2002.

Claims 1-18 are pending and are currently rejected. We believe no fee is due in connection with this response. If any fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 5, and 11-15. Please add new claims 19-23.

B1 5. (Amended) A pair of isogenic mammalian cell lines in which a first cell line is homozygous securin-defective and a second cell line is securin-proficient.

B2 11. (Amended) The method of claim 10 wherein a test compound is identified as a potential anti-cancer agent if it inhibits growth of the first cell line at least 2-fold more than the second cell line.

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